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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO USE AS GUIDING PRINCIPLES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, NOT TO ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTION OF A NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT SUPERHIGHWAY SYSTEM OR A UNION WITH MEXICO AND CANADA AND TO REEVALUATE EXISTING TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THIS MEMORIAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the President and the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Whereas, the President and the Congress of the United States during the
3 course of their duties often times enter into treaties and other bilateral
4 and multi-lateral agreements with foreign nations and organizations of
5 foreign nations, such as the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North
6 America; and

7 Whereas, some treaties and agreements by intent, error or
8 misinterpretation might have adverse negative effects on the sovereignty and
9 best interests of the citizens of the United States; and

10 Whereas, Congressman Virgil Goode, Jr. and 46 cosponsors have
11 introduced House Concurrent Resolution 40 to express "the sense of Congress
12 that the United States should not engage in the construction of a North
13 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System or enter into a
14 North American Union with Mexico and Canada"; and

15 Whereas, the citizens of the United States have historically cherished,
16 fought for and died to protect the sovereignty of the United States; and

17 Whereas, the guiding principle behind the foreign policy of the United
18 States of America should always be to advance what is in the best interests
19 of the citizens of the United States, politically, socially and economically.
20 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of

21 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

22 1. That, in all matters relating to the adoption of treaties and
23 agreements with foreign governments and organizations of foreign governments,
24 the President and Congress use as guiding principles the maintenance of the
25 historically cherished sovereignty of the United States and the advancement
26 of the best interests of the citizens of the United States, including jobs
27 and wages, in wording that is clear and unequivocal.

28 2. That the United States not enter into construction of a North
29 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System or enter into a
30 North American Union with Mexico and Canada.

31 3. That existing treaties and agreements be publicly and thoroughly
32 reevaluated to ensure compliance with the principles of this memorial.

33 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
34 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the
35 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
36 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.